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SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN MINING







Methamphetamine (Meth)

Marijuana

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Substance abusers are a risk to the safety and viability of your operations.

Mine Officials should consider these points:

- Studies show that from 66% to 80% of drug and alcohol abusers work!
- No one wants to believe their neighbor, their fellow miner or their family member has a drug or alcohol abuse problem.
- Drug and alcohol abuse problems DO NOT usually get better if left alone . . . They get worse!!
- You need to LOOK for and recognize the problem of drug and alcohol abuse in mining.
- A problem you can't afford to ignore! It is too destructive and costly... To safety, to performance, and most importantly to the miner with the drug and alcohol abuse problem.



Needle

Mine Officials Should:

- Clearly communicate company policy
- Marijuana Joint
- Inform workers about dangers of drug abuse
- Identify signs and symptoms of drug abuse and its effects on job performance
- Describe when, if and how to approach family and coworkers
- Refer to resources for information or help

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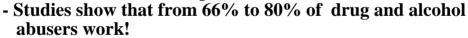
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